



**State Representative
Ron Simmons
District Internship Program
2015-2016 School Year**

Representative Ron Simmons invites all high school students who reside in Texas House District 65 to apply for the 2015-2016 District Internship Program. This program is designed to engage students in state government activity, from public policy development to community service.

Advantages of the program include:

- Experience in a fully functioning legislative office that serves over 170,000 Texans.
- Tremendous opportunity to network with other high achieving young people as well as direct interaction with community, business, and political leaders.
- A sponsored group trip to Austin upon successful completion of the program.
- Networking with other high achieving young people in Denton County.
- Direct interaction with community, business, and political leaders.
- Extensive exposure to volunteerism and servant leadership opportunities.
- Resume builder for college applications and professional career development.

Please review the criteria below to determine your eligibility, then fill out the attached application:

- Applicants must be enrolled in high school (grades 9-12) and reside in Texas House District 65. Please visit www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us/Home.aspx and enter your home address to verify your district before completing the application.
- Students will be **required** to dedicate a minimum of 15 hours per semester during the 2015-2016 school year. The internship period runs from October 2015 – May 2016.
- Hours will be earned from projects, meetings and service in the following areas:
 - District Office in Carrollton
 - Civic events such as town hall meetings around the district
 - Service projects around the district

- Students will also be **required** to attend quarterly meetings (two in the fall semester, and two in the spring semester). **Note: When dates are announced, it is the student's responsibility to immediately inform the program coordinator of any preexisting scheduling conflicts. Excused absences are possible on a case by case basis.* Hours spent in attendance will count toward semester totals.
- Students must have reliable transportation to meetings.
- Students must have a strong academic record, well rounded extracurricular activities, and a personal interest in public service.
- Only complete applications will be considered.

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INSTRUCTIONS: Please **print or type** all of the requested information; additionally, make certain that the contact information you list is **reliable and accurate**. The primary methods of communication will be e-mail and text message. Please provide a well-functioning email account that you check at least **daily**. Attach additional pages if necessary when completing open-ended questions.

Name: _____ Current Grade: _____
First Middle Last

Parent or Guardian: _____
First Last

Parent or Guardian: _____
First Last

Residential Address: _____

City: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ Parent Email: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____ If 18, are you a registered voter? Y / N

School: _____ ISD: _____

Class Rank: _____ of _____ Cumulative GPA: _____ (on a _____ scale)

List all clubs and extracurricular activities including sports and any leadership positions:

Please list any of your family members who are involved in public service:

Additional Requirements

Please attach the following required documents to your application:

- ✓ A personal statement essay limited to 250 words. Tell us about yourself, discussing your interests, goals, and what you hope to achieve if chosen to participate in the program.
- ✓ A brief statement naming your favorite U.S. president. Why do you admire this individual more than any other president? Please limit your response to 150 words.
- ✓ A current photo of yourself (*for identification purposes only*).
- ✓ **Two** letters of recommendation from individuals who can account for your character and interest in government. Letters can be received directly from the reference via email. Mailed letters should be sealed by the author and signed across the seal. These letters should not be written by immediate family members.

I certify that the information on this application and any additional material submitted is true and complete to the best of my knowledge, and I commit to working the minimum number of hours required by the program for the duration of the 2015-2016 school year.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

I do hereby give my consent for my child to participate in Representative Simmons' Texas House District 65 Internship Program and understand the time commitment involved.

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Your **complete** application must be **received** by staff in Representative Ron Simmons' Carrollton office no later than 5 p.m. **Friday, October 2, 2015.**

Please **submit your application package by mail, email, or fax** to Ebony Daughtry, HD 65 District Director

If you have questions about the application or general inquiries regarding the program, please feel free to call the office at (972) 492-2080.

Mail

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Thank you for your interest in the District Internship Program!

Internship applicants selected as finalists will be contacted for an interview in October.